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Forest **DEPARTMENT.**

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Subject.

Buildings - Residential - District Forest Officers' quarters - Mangalore - employment of a watcher for cultural operations in the District Forest Officers' bungalow compound.

ENCLOSURES.
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Ref. No. 7759/32.B2.

Station Madras, *Dated the* 14th November 1933.

From (Name) A. Wimbush Esq., I.F.S.,

(Designation) Chief Conservator of Forests.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Development Department.

Sir,

In their orders Nos. Mis. 1889, Development, dated the 6th November 1928 and, 551 Ms. Dev., dated the 25th March 1929, Government sanctioned an expenditure of Rs 222/4/0 for planting trees in the compound which contains the residences of the two District Forest Officers at Mangalore. The trees once put into the ground, a whole time man was needed, temporarily, to keep them watered, weeded and generally cared for until they became established. The District Forest Officer, North Mangalore

(Mr. Muhammad Habibullah) transferred the services of one of the reserve watchers (on Rs 11 a month) in the division for the purpose. This man was thus employed from the 1st of July 1928 to the 14th of October 1932; and his pay amounted in all to Rs 566.

2. The Accountant General has objected to this employment in this capacity and has pointed out that the sanction of Government is necessary. As soon as the matter came to the notice of this office, the attention of the officers was forcibly drawn to the irregularity committed in diverting a Reserve watcher to such duty, and the man was withdrawn from this duty from the 15th October 1932. It was, however, contended that since the planting of the shelter trees at Government expense had been sanctioned by Government it was reasonable that the work necessary for tending and establishing the young trees during their early years in a very much exposed position on inhospitable rocky soil was a proper charge to Government. Audit officer pointed out this fact and said that any labour spent beyond what was necessary for establishing the young trees ought to be recovered from the officers responsible.

3. In all Rs 566 were spent on the reserve watcher's pay and the two officers in charge of the North Mangalore division (the South Mangalore division is not concerned) were:-

Mr. Muhammad Habibullah from 1.7.28 to 17.10.32 .. Rs 566-
Mr. K.J. Matthew " Recalled to duty .. Nil
Rs 566-

The Conservator reports that, while a coolie at Rs 10 for nine months would have been needed annually but that now the services of a half time man can not be secured, a whole time cooly on Rs 15, or a man and a boy, would be necessary. In this view, the yearly cost of the watcher

Rs 135 (Rs 15 x 9)months) while the actual cost of employment of the watcher was only Rs 132 (Rs 11 into 12 months). In this way the employment of the watcher was the cheaper course.

4. The shelter trees sanctioned by Government have been established and will give shade and the tenants will now, of course, look after them themselves. I request that Government will be pleased to sanction the expenditure of Rs 566 incurred until the trees were properly established or, as an alternative, to condone, under the rather special circumstances, the action of Mr. Habibullah in having brought a watcher, for whose employment and pay sanction already existed, to look after Government's own trees which had been planted at Government expense with Government sanction.

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G. O. No. 2863 I/33-2 Dt 6-1-34

Buildings – Residential –
D. F. O's quarters Mangalore
– upkeep of gardens

From the C. C. No. 7759/32-B2
Dt 14-11-1933

The attention of the C. C. F. is drawn to para 2 of his letter No. 3573/28-2, Dt 5-7-1929 disposed of in G.O. No. 1889 Dt 6/11 wherein he stated that occupiers of Govt. residences are in any case responsible for the proper care and upkeep of the trees, etc., planted in the Compound. He is requested to report why in spite of the above definite statement, a watcher was employed at the expense of Govt.

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to the C. C. F.

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FOREST DEPARTMENT.

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Subject.

BUILDINGS - Residential - District Forest Officer's quarters - Mangalore - Upkeep of gardens.

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Ref: No.7759/32/B.2

Station Chepauk, Madras, *Dated the* 5th March 1934. 19

From (Name) A. Wimbush Esq., I.F.S.,

(Designation) Chief Conservator of Forests.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

DEVELOPMENT Department.

Sir,

Ref: Government Memorandum No.2863 I/33-2 dated the 6th January 1934.

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P 798: 1889: 6-11-28 (W)

The statement made by my predecessor that occupiers of Government residences are in any case responsible for the proper care and upkeep of the trees etc. planted in the compound, naturally assumed that the trees etc. were already not only planted but also established - i.e. in this case capable of growing without daily watering in the dry weather. As Government are aware, the planting of trees in the District Forest Officers' compound at Mangalore was ordered at Government cost and with the sanction of Government - Vide G.O.No.Ms.1889 Dev., dated the 6th November 1928

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and/it is reasonable that the cost involved in seeing that they did not die, thus wasting all the Government money spent in planting them, should be met by Government.

I am quite prepared to see that there are two sides to the question, and I have explained the whole matter in my Ref: No.7759/32/B2 dated the 14th November 1932. If Government are inclined to agree that the benefit of the doubt should be given to the two officers who found themselves in a new house on a hill which was bare except for the young trees just put there by Government - the second officer having merely carried on the arrangement for keeping Government's trees alive which his predecessor had started - then it is very reasonable to satisfy audit either by sanctioning the money or approving of the District Forest Officer's action in transferring a watcher already in service to water the trees and see that they did not die.

for Chief Conservator.

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Buildings - Residential

D.-do. quarters -

Mangalore - Upkeep

& gardens

C No. 2863 I/32

Please see the letter from the CC & ii the C.J.

(W) (Q) 2/ In Gos Nos 1889, dev. dated 6.11.28 and 551 dev. dated 20.3.29 the Govt sanctioned an expenditure of Rs 222/4/- for planting trees in the Compound of D.-to's quarters at Mangalore.

para 1 pp 1-2 C.J. The CC reports that, for the purpose of tending watering, weeding and tending the plants, a reserve watcher was deputed from 17.7.28 to 14.10.32, and on Rs 11 p.m. that his pay amounted to Rs 566/-

para 2 p 2 C.J. The Accountant General, has objected to his employment on this duty and has pointed out that sanction of Govt was necessary. The CC now requests,

para 4 p 3 C.J. for the reasons stated in para 2-3 at pp. 2-3 C.J, that the sum of Rs 566/- incurred for tending the trees may be sanctioned by Govt or in the

alternative to condone, under the ~~the~~ ~~Special~~ Circumstances stated in para 3 at pp 2-3 c.f the action of the D.F.O (Mr Habibullah) in having appointed a reserve watcher for the purpose for whose employment and pay, sanction already existed.

3/ Reference is solicited to the correspondence at pp 7-15 J.S. 1889 dated 6.11.28 specially to the portions marked A on pp 7 & 14 of the G.O ibid. It will be seen that the occupiers of Govt quarters were made responsible for the proper care and upkeep of the trees and C.C reported that no extra expense would be required of any occupant as that he would have to keep a mali, even were the trees not there. In this view it is not clear why Govt should sanction the expenditure of Rs. 566/- for tending the young plants.

~~Apart from this~~ Further, the question of sanctioning the expenditure does not arise since a reserve watcher was employed on that duty — and all that Govt will have to sanction is to regularise the condone the irregularity committed in diverting the watcher

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to such duty. For 1928 whether this will be done the remarks of Finance may be invited.

Reference is solicited to the portion marked B (W) 25/11/33 at p.70/Sons 1889 Dev. dated 6.11.1928 It is not known whether the substance of it was communicated to the D.F.

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Under para 271 of the P.W.D. Code the occupant of a Govt residence is responsible for the proper [illegible] and keeping [illegible] thereof, hedges in the compound. When the C.C of Forests applied for the regularisation of expenditure incurred in the planting of trees in the compound of the D.F.O's quarters Mangalore, he definitely stated on 5-7-28 that no extra expense was involved in the upkeep of the garden as the occupants were responsible for it. From about the same date however, the D.F.O Mangalore, utilised the services of one of the reserve watchers of the division in the upkeep of the garden. This seems highly irregular. The argument of the C.C. that as the planting had been done at Govt. expense, it was reasonable

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that the work necessary for tending the young trees during their early years was a proper charge on Govt. does not seem to be acceptable. This dept may therefore suggest that the pay of the watcher during the period he was employed on the work (1-7-28 to 14-10-32) amounting to Rs. 566- be recovered from the two S.F.Os (Messrs. Md. Habibullah and K. T. Mathew) who were occupying the quarters during the above period.

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Now as the Reserve watcher was appointed not against the post in which he is now working but against a post which may be abolished

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Please see the remarks of Finance at pp 3-4 supra

2. Finance suggest that a sum of Rs 566/- incurred being the pay

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g the reserve watcher employed for tending young plants in the Compound of the D. to's quarters at Mangalore should be recovered from the Officers (Messrs NS Nabhiullah & K.T. Matthews) responsible for the irregular appointment. For orders whether this Deptt will agree with Finance the Ce recommends that the ~~recovery of the amount~~ expenditure of Rs. 566/- may be sanctioned or in the alternative to condone the irregular appointment of a reserve watcher which if done would not entail any extra cost to Govt.

3/ Finance Secy also suggests that the post of the reserve watcher who was employed for tending plants may be abolished as apparently he was not required in the regular line. For orders whether this will be accepted. The watcher was reposted to his proper duty soon after the Ce. Came to know of this irregularity ~~of appointment~~ Committed in diverting a reserve watcher to such duty. He is now employed in his proper duties from 15.10.1932 and the question

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--of--abolishing a post of watcher--
does not arise. The requirements
of the department in respect of
watchers was recently considered
and the cadre of watchers fixed.
It is not clear why in spite
of this decision there were
in March 1927, a watcher
in employed at the Expense
of Govt.

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A draft G.M. is submitted for approval.

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from the C.C.F. no 7759/32-B2 dt 5-3-1934]

To A.S.

Please see the G.M. at P. 4 c. and the C.C.'s
reply at P.P. 5-6 c. Attention is specially
invited to 'A' at P 5 c and 'B' at P. 6 c.
For orders whether, in the circumstances
explained, the C.C.'s recommendation will be
accepted, and finance asked to concur.

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Finance (Expre).

Submitted with reference to this Dept's note on pp. 3--4 ante.

2. Recovery from the D.F.O.s concerned of Rs 566 being the pay of the reserve watcher diverted from his regular duty.-- Please see the Chief Conservator's further letter on pp. 5-6 C.F. He says that his predecessor's statement that occupiers of Govt.residences are in any case responsible for the proper care and up keep of the trees, etc., was made on the assumption that the trees were already established. This explanation of the previous statement is not correct. When the previous Chief Conservator made the statement referred to, it was known that trees were to be newly planted. He also said that a mali would have to be kept by the officer even were the trees not there. This is therefore clearly a case where a reserve watcher intended for some other duty was employed irregularly for a private purpose and there is no reason to reconsider the view already expressed by Finance that the expenditure should be recovered from the officers concerned.

A on page 7 of Cn 1889 dtd 6.11.34 (W) Page 5 C.F.

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A on page 7 of (W)

ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT 20 APR 1934 DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

3. Abolition of the Reserve Watcher.-- Please see Development department's note at 'K' on pp.5--6 ante. The requirements of watchers in the Mangalore division might have been reviewed in connection with the proposals for additional staff for carrying out the prescriptions of the working plan. The fact,however, remains that one of the watchers in the Mangalor division was employed for over 4 years on work which was not his and this clearly shows that his services were not required for ordinary watcher's work. Finance may therefore press for the abolition of this post.

N on pages 1 and 5 of Cn 675 dtd 6.6.33 (M)

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The question of recruiting from the D.T.O's is for orders. I agree that the C.E's explanation is not convincing.

As to the reserve watcher, the irregular employment was terminated on 15.10.32. The C.E. in his proposals submitted in July 1933 revised the staff requirements and the strength of the different grades of subordinates was fixed in June 33. No watcher can now be abolished.

The irregular appt of a reserve watcher is condoned. WWW 23-4-34.

I agree. WWW 23.4.34.

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H.M.C. 2. Please see my remarks in the margin above. WWW 23.4.34.

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H.M.C. 3 (2)

I see that it is stated in p. 5 of G.O 1889 Dew 6.11.38 that the cost of planting affects the rent the D.T.O will pay. On caution that the total cost of planting - Rs 1222.40 + Rs 566 = Rs 788.40 is added to the capital cost of the buildings. I accept with Mr. Collis proposal that the irregular appt. of the watcher be condoned

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H.M.C. 3 I agree with H.M.C. 2 (Mr. A. Campbell) HMC 30/4

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To Asst Secy.

Please see the orders in circulation on the previous page. A draft order is submitted for approval. This may see before issue.

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Finance Secretary's Office, Govt. of Madras

Dev. Dept. Lr. No. 2863 / 34-4

10-5-34.

For (Encl)

(Please see from p. 7 above.)

The draft order may be perused and the file returned to Dev.

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The draft may now issue

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Assistant Secretary to Government

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Forests - Buildings - Residential - District Forest Officer's quarters Mangalore - irregular appointment of a watcher to water the trees - orders passed.

READ AGAIN G.O. No. 1889 Dev., dated 6-11-1928. (W)

" " " " 551 Dev. " 25-3-1929 (Q) 19

READ ALSO :—

C. No. 2863 I/33 From the C.C.F., No. 7759/32-B2, dated 14-11- 1933. pp 1-3 c/.

" " O.M. to the C.C.F. " 2863 I/33-2 " 6-1- 1934 p. 4 c/.

" " From the C.C.F. " 7759/32-B2 " 5-3- 1934 pp 5-6 c/.

ORDER.

No. 687, dated 25.5 1934

Ms.

pp 1-3 c/.

In the special circumstances explained by the C.C.F., the Government are pleased to condone the irregular employment of a forest watcher from the 1st July 1928 to the 14th October 1932, for watering the young trees planted in the compound of the residence of the two District Forest Officers at Mangalore.

2. The Government direct that the pay of the watcher for the period, viz., Rs. 566, together with the expenditure of

Vide orders in circulate.

Rs.222-4-0 incurred in planting trees in the compound should be added to the capital cost of the buildings.

To

The C.C.F.

A.G. (thro' Finance.